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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-98 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-98 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Detailed Action

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-98 are pending in this Office Action.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, 12-13, 15-18, 23-24, 27-30, 35, 37-38, 41-47, 50-56, 59-63, 65-66, 69-71, 73-74, 77-79, 81-82, 85-87, 89-90 and 93-95 have been amended.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/15/06 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's invention as claimed:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0042131 by Mathon et al.

Regarding claim 1, an inter-module communication comprising:

a message (para 10), wherein

said message comprises customer relations management system information and other customer relations management system information,

said customer relations management system information comprises at least one of agent information and work item information (para 3),

said agent information comprises information regarding an agent,

said work item information comprises information regarding a work item (para 3),

said other customer relations management system information is other than said agent information and said work item information,

said other customer relations management system information comprises at least one of a command, request, and a notification (para 58, 70), and

at least a portion of said message is encoded in a markup language (para 12).

Regarding claim 2, the inter-module communication of claim 1, wherein

said notification comprises at least one of notification of an event and autonomously provided information (para 70).

Regarding claim 3, the inter-module communication of claim 2, wherein

said customer relations management system information further comprises at least one of queuing information, statistical information (para 13), connection information and rule information.

Regarding claim 4, the inter-module communication of claim 1, wherein

said other customer relations management system information comprises said command, said command configured to cause a module receiving said message to perform an operation (para 70).

Regarding claim 5, the inter-module communication of claim 1, wherein

said other customer relations management system information comprises said request, said request configured to cause a module receiving said message to reply with requested customer relations management system information (para 14).

Regarding claim 6, the inter-module communication of claim 2, wherein

said other customer relations management system information comprises said notification, said notification is generated by a module generating said message (para 56, Fig. 4, tag 404).

Regarding claim 7, the inter-module communication of claim 1, wherein

said message is communicated in order to cause a function to be performed, and said function is one of an agent-related function, a work item-related function, a statistics-related function and an administrative function (para 70, 71).

Regarding claim 8, the inter-module communication of claim 7, wherein

said agent-related function is one of an AgentLogin command, an AgentLogout command, an AgentInitAuxWork command, an AgentAllMediaAvailable command, a ChangeAgentMediaMode command, a ChangeAgentskill command, a RequestAgentstate request, a RequestAgentMediaMode request, a Requestsystemstate request (para 58, 70), a RequestAgentWorkableList request, a RequestWorkItemAssignment request, a RequestAgentWorkItemList request, and a RequestAgentMediastate request.

Regarding claim 9, the inter-module communication of claim 7, wherein

said work item-related function is one of an AddWorkItem command, a RequestWorkItemstatus request (para 10, 14), an AcceptWorkItem command, a RejectWorkItem command, a CompleteWorkItem command, a WrapupWorkItemResponse command, a WrapcompleteWorkItem command, an HoldWorkItem command, an UnldoldWorkItem command, a BlindTransferWorkItemToAgent command, a TransferWorkItemToAgent command and a TransferWorkItem-roRoute command.

Regarding claim 10, the inter-module communication of claim 7, wherein

said statistics-related function is one of a SetchannelstatInterval command, a SetRoutestatInterval command, a StartAgentstat command, a StopAgentstat command and a Getsystemstatistics request (para 65).

Regarding claim 11, the inter-module communication of claim 7, wherein

said administrative function is one of a UQopenconnection command (para 16), a UQreopenconnection command, a UQinitRules command, a UQreplaceRules command and a UQdisconnect command.

Regarding claim 97, the inter-module communication of claim 1, wherein

said customer relations management information includes customer relations management information (para 3, 10, 11).

Regarding claim 98, the inter-module communication of claim 1, wherein

said customer relations management system information includes customer relations management software information (para 10-12).

Regarding claim 26, the method of claim 23, further comprising:

communicating said message from a commerce server to a universal queuing system (para 62-63)

Regarding claim 35, the method of claim 23, further comprising:

sending said message (para 10).

Regarding claim 36, the method of claim 35, further comprising:

receiving said message (para 16).

Claims "12-96" do not teach or define any new limitations above claims "1-11, 26, 35 and 36" and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

REMARKS

The applicant has provided amendments to the claims with remarks. The amendments are a step in the right direction by defining some of the terminology but the definitions are broad in meaning.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin R. Bruckart whose telephone number is (571) 272-3982. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30PM with every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006.

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